## HOME READING.

MIRAGE.

that book, we'll sing that song, Ob, when the days are long ; the phonights are free, and voices clear; and the say time within the year :with noiseless tread, the book unread.

that friend, and make him feel and of friendship, true as steel; some doner of sympathy bestow :-But time sweeps on with steady flow, t and with quick, reproachful tea." We lay our flowers upon his bier.

And still we walk the desert sands, And and with trifles fill our hands, While ever, just beyond our reach, A the courpose shows to each. The deals we have not done, but willed, Lemain to haunt us unfulfilled. A. S. R. in the N. Y. Tribune.

### Bloomfield's Progress in 1883.

manufishing the desired results.

nearly at century, yet nothing had Edward S. Wilde.

the usual order of business, residence on the corner of Ridgewood and ive cost at least \$5,000, was ac- Linden Avenues.

the being raised, \$600 was the Hedden place has been repaired and repaired they dared ask. And, as the owners painted at an expense of some \$1,500.

Midland Avenue has been graded and

to its importance. The remodeling of Park Street Richard Handy has purdepot and its covered platform is a chased the Breuen property and become

Holloway pattern. It was received on the tion of an eagle of as a real work The lecturn is spoken of as a real work Westminster Presbyterian NONE BUT STEADY DRIVERS EMPLOYED. coming of August 11th, with a grand of art.

torchlight procession, which was joined Church has been additionally improved in by the Montclair Hook and Ladder by several coats of paint and a neat iron Company, Chief Engineer Benedict, of fence around the church lot. The Ger-Newark, and other visiting firemen. Be- man Presbyterian Church, of which the sides being equipped with the usual ap- Rev. Mr. Enslin recently celebrated the purtenances of such a carriage, it carries fifteenth anniversary of his pastorate. four Holloway fire extinguishers, a Rum- has also received coats of paint and other sey ship's pump, 200 feet of 2-inch hose, improvements; and the Baptist Church and 20 feet of suction hose. The money has had erected new sheds for the comfor this enterprise has been entirely fort of the horses that serve to bring raised by subscription, and this fact members of the congregation to the serspeaks loudly for the liberality of the vices. citizens, A Hose Company has also been Resuming our walk up Broad Street, organized from members of the Fire As- we find that Wm. Colfax has made imsociation (the Town Committee having provements in his store. On Canal Street formally accepted the Association as the J. J. Beckler & Bro. have commenced Fire Department of the town), and a the manufacture of paper boxes. In the two-wheeled carriage secured for its use Morris neighborhood Mr. J. W. Potter

chased for the Company. Next, north of the Truck House, Arthur Spragg has erected a two-story building for a temperance billiard room, Nearly across the street from this Mr. R. N. Dodd is constructing a substantial two-story and basement building for his house, and otherwise improved it. Jolivery and express business.

On Bloomfield Avenue we find that N. Harvey Dodd has replaced his shops, The past year has been a marked one that were destroyed by the fire of last the history of Bloomfield in the mat- winter, with a substantial brick and miprovement, both of a public and slate roof building, for his blacksmith ments, and the record of the and wood working shops. Nearly across Alfred Cockafair has made a two story regiment be written without giving from him Richard Cadmus has opened a \\ \tillage Improvement Association a grocery store in the old stand of Cyrus large share of the credit. The As- Pierson. Continuing our walk up the Avenue, we find George W. Cadmus has monds, assess moneys, nor levy taxes of added another story, and otherwise imall its aim is to suggest, and with the proved his residence. At the head of On the old Wilde property. thorities, devise the best means of ac- Emmons Corby has opened a quarry, from which a fine quality of building Association commenced the year stone is being secured. Passing up Ridgewith the Park improvement. Although wood Avenue to the north, we come to having been set apart for park purposes, the fine freestone residence, erected by

are done toward improving it except | A few hundred yards to the west are the setting out of trees and posts. On Benson Rolling Mills, to which additions the organization of the Improvement As- have been made. Retracing our steps to mountails of which the Rev. H. W. Bal- come to the splendid residence of A. G. was appointed chairman) were Darwin, that, with its fine barn and to have a survey made and to beautiful grounds, was finished early in spars a plan and estimates of cost for the year. This has been really the finest fineressary filling, grading and im- private improvement of the year. The to be presented to the Town house is large and commodious, is built This Mr. Ballantine did (as is also the barn) of bluestone, with the expense to the town or Associa- brick trimmings, the interior is finished a sithough he secured the opinion of in natural colors of the wood, the grounds I law Olmstead, the celebrated are large and beautifully laid out; as a gardener, in the matter. In whole this is one of the most desirable North of this J. L. Walsh and D. C. Beam have been imhad quantities of surplus dirt, proving the approaches to their residences the improvement of the park by grading, curbing paving and a genling to give it for the removal. eral improvement of the grounds. Further to the south, on Ridgewood Avenue, with the money and labor, Mr. N. H. Mr. Breedan is erecting a very neat resithe same committee, deeming dence for Geo. D. Puffer, to be ready for Willard Richards has graded and im-A to utilize this spirit of benevo- occupancy in the spring. On the corner with the consent of the Town Com- of Ridgewood Avenue and Washington the commenced the work. Soon Street, Henry J., Beach has purchased there were found who were ready to the premises formerly owned by Reuben ir grounds graded for the re- N. Dodd, and has graded and improved the dirt, and others gave day's it preparatory to building. Mrs. Geo.W. themselves or teams, so that Smith has remodeled and improved her

for about \$3,000. Of this Retracing our steps to the Gallagher st.000 was voted by the town, and estate, we find very extensive improvements 1,000 contributed by individual ments. On Ridgewood Avenue, nearly opposite Walsh's, Prof. Packard is erectto the eye and an improvement ing a commodious two-story and attic dwelling. Snowdon Street has been In April of the same year Rev. S. W. opened and graded from Ridgewood to mainterview with Hon. Wm. E. Dodge, is erecting a two-story and attic dwell-(the D. L. & W. Railroad, a willing ing there. Hillside Avenue has been cut down and graded from the residence of Mr. Meeker to the railroad, and the two-story residences occupied by Mr. Howe the railroad, and parallel with it from the railroad from the residence of Mr. Meeker to the railroad, and the two-story residences occupied by Mr. Howe and Charles T. Dodd, have been erected by the Rev. Dr. Cutler. Clark Street has the company offering to remove their been extended and graded from Hillside bendings, to give the land necessary be- to Bloomfield Avenue, and Mr. Tenny is to the company, and to remove occupying the residence purchased by the depot building fifty feet further west, him. Passing to the south on Hillside and to creet a forty-foot covered platform Avenue, George Roubaud has completed the each end of it, if the citizens would sethe hands of private parties, to carry out dence. G. S. Porter has completed and the plan. This seemed so desirable an is occupying his beautiful residence. The inprovement, it was most carnestly property on the corner of Hillside Avenue and Washington Street has been pur-The committee having the matter in chased by Wm. F. Thompson, and will be occupied by him in the spring, Mr. Mc-lintosh's family having purchased the Temple property on Ridgewood Avenue, and will remove their residence there.
They left that with the other subscription.
Topposite this, on Washington Street, the

to bring the cost within this limit, improved between Washington Street however, been greatly improved, near Rassbach's nursery, James H. Way is erecting a two-story and attic dwelling is erecting a two-story and attic dwelling house. On Thomas Street Joseph Evebut part of the agreement as expressed land is erecting a two-story cottage. On Mr. Duffield.

The Association has also caused a good freshet at Toney's Brook has been relead of ground to be drained, which, by moved, and a substantial arch bridge has former carelessness, had been allowed to been erected. Coming back to the Centre verflow and become more or less swampy. we find that on Broad Street Slater & April 6th an invitation was received Chew show signs of prosperity by seek-ing the East Orange Water Company ing enlarged quarters for their picture Figure 1 as to the quality and supply of water. The invitation was accepted and least twenty members of the Executive constitute and citizens visited the works, and the visit proved so satisfactory that, are result growing from that visit, the largest quarters for their picture frame business. Cyrus Pierson has completed the building now occupied by him as a grocery store, with the upper two stories finished off in comfortable suits of rooms for families; he has also remodeled and improved the Newton Baldwin house. as a result growing from that visit, the Across the street we find James D. Cooper has purchased the shoe store of Horace Dodd, and if there is anything in appearbridge meeting held for that purpose, to signed constract with the company for a supply of water. August 1st the contract was signed for the laying of about has made of pipe, with about ninety learness. On Thanksgiving Day, the waster of the pipes having been company, which was the tarrily successful, there being sufficiently successful, there being sufficiently successful, there being sufficient to throw a stream of water brain inch nozzle higher than any large in town.

Second conferences have been had with sutizens of East Orange and Newark With retizens of East Orange and Newark Lecture Room has been enlarged and improved. We now reach the lower corner of the Park, and to look over its important adjacent grounds, but this proved surface is a delight to the eye, and find Israel Ward has improved his portion of it by curbing the walk in front of his property. Would that other prop-The work accomplished by the Associa- erty owners around, the Park would be In him seemed to act as an incentive to of the same mind. On State Street Mrs. February improvement, and with the rail- Jacobson has nearly ready for occupancy read for a starting point we propose to three near two story cottages, and on

chased the Breuen property and become a permanent resident of Bloomfield.

The churches have added their share to the general spirit of improvement, the Methodist Church having just completed their beautiful chapel and Sunday-school their bea I few yards from the depot is the Church completed their large and com-Truck House, where Essex Hook and Ladder No. 1, of the Bloomfield Fire Association, is housed. This is another of the with this have placed a new organ in the with this have placed a new organ in the with this have placed a new organ in the with this have placed a new organ in the with this have placed a new organ in the with this have placed a new organ in the with this have placed a new organ in the with this have placed a new organ in the great improvements of the year, and the church at an expense of \$4,500, which was conception of this Association, and the inaugurated with a grand concert on October 17th. The chancel of Christ P. E. there great creditton those having the Church has been improved by the addithe atter in charge. The Truck is of the tion of an eagle lecturn and reredos.

until such a one as is needed can be pur- has disposed of his mill property to the Combination Roll and Rubber Works, and they have made large additions to the buildings, and put in large quantities of machinery, and are proving a valuable acquisition to that part of the town. Mr. Costigan has added a story to his seph Morris has added a story to his house and enlarged it. Edward W Baldwin is erecting a neat two-story resi dence on Broad Street, near Bay Lane. Henry Lindenmeyer has completed his trout pond, and made other improve ments, at an expense of about \$7,000. addition to his residence. On our return to Bloomfield Avenue we called at Oakes & Co.'s Cloth Factory, where an addition has been made to the weaving loft; and a new steam engine added to the ma chinery of these extensive mills. Con tinuing our way down on the west side of the canal we find that Dr. Davis has removed the Seymour house from opposite Monroe Place to the corner of Spruce and Fremont Streets, and remodeled it at an expense of about \$1,100, for the residence of Mr. Hallock. On Franklin Street we find Dr. White has erected a new barn, and further east on the Davis property is being erected a two-story and attic dwelling for C. A. Tallman, of New York. and is to be occupied by him in the spring. Passing down Montgomery Street Fred Carl has purchased the Stubbert property and improved it, and is now occupy ing it as his residence. Williamson Av nue has been graded and improved. Returning to Franklin Street we find on the corner of Newark Avenue Will Matthews has erected a two-story dwelling. The Fairbanks Homestead on the corner of Orange Street has been remodeled and improved. On Newark Avenue J. F Maxfield has erected a hundred-and-fifty foot barn for the better sheltering of his valuable herd of Jersey cattle, to which he has made extensive additions the past season. At Franklin Hill, Franklin Street has been widened ten feet and proved his property.

At Watsessing we also find the spirit of improvement has prevailed. There the D., L. & W. Railroad Company have also enlarged and improved the depot. The M. E. Church have erected a commodi-ous parsonage on Lawrence Street, adjoining the church. On the adjoining lot Mrs. Andrew Ellor has erected a twostory dwelling house. James Davis has also erected a dwelling-house on Law-rence Street, and F. H. Pilch, on the same street, has added another story to the extension of his house, and made other improvements to his residence. Mr. Richard Ellor has erected a dwelling on Myrtle Street, Francis Law has also erected a dwelling on the same street James Ellor has erected a dwelling on Ellor Street, and F. Holland a dwelling on Arlington Avenue. On Prospec Street, near the East Orange line, the Ellor Bros, have erected a three-stor building, 24x54 feet, with extensive ou buildings for kettles and dye tub Michael Noll has enlarged and added at other story to his house. Julius Molte has enlarged and improved his barn: Returning to Bloomfield Avenue, at the corner of Orange the Town Committe have put in a covered culvert, one hur

surplus water in wet weather. Our journey is ended, though our subject is not exhausted, as there are many improvements we have been unable to notice, but enough has been given to show that this has been an unusual year in the history of Bloomfield. Even with the large number of buildings erected the demands for the coming spring will not be supplied; and inquiries are now being made for spring occupancy that cannot

being a convenience in disposing of the

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